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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.  
The Secretary of State

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THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER  
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE DAVID A. STOCKMAN  
The Director, Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: U.S.-Portuguese Base Negotiations (U)

For the first time, the Portuguese government has denied a routine request for our planes to make a refueling stop at the Lajes Airbase in the Azores. (U)

The Portuguese government took this step because of its unhappiness over the course of our joint talks on base agreement renewal, especially in the areas of military assistance and PL-480 funds. (U)

The President is concerned about this matter. The Portuguese have been extremely forthcoming with reference to their support for U.S. policies and initiatives. Should failure of the negotiations result in a weakening of the present pro-U.S. government and/or reduced access to the Lajes facility, the results could be most damaging to our defense posture in the North Atlantic. (U)

What are your current thoughts on this matter? Can anything be done to facilitate the negotiations with a faithful ally? Your comments would be appreciated. (U)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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